1	2	3	4	5	6
30	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
31	Dadra & N. Haveli	16	0	0	0
32	Lakshadweep	8	6	0	5
33	Pondicherry	1393	1169	618	409
	TOTAL:	2522511	1551085	766470	455550

Controversy over the SEZ Scheme

*487. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Economic Zones and the policy of land acquisition have become controversial as stated in media reports;

(b) if so, what steps Government would take to delink the Special Economic Zones Policy from the forced land acquisitions;

(c) the steps proposed to remove land acquisition and accompanying corruption from the Special Economic Zone Scheme; and

(d) the schedule for such action?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Number of issues and petitions relating to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) including issues relating to acquisition of land were considered by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) on SEZ Issues and it has been decided that the pending applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle & formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs. The maximum area for the SEZ has been limited to 5000 Hectares now. it has also been decided that the Ministry of Rural Development be requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to address all relevant issues and to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family.

Defining industrially backward districts

*488. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reference has been made to the Planning Commission